health and when they from their traditional habits—call it conservatism if you like—think that it is rice that they want why should your paternal feelings go to the extent of forcing down his throat something which he does not like to swallow and that after taking money from him. It unfortunately stands unanswered. But with what I saw from this side of House which I did not expect I do not want to show the public the real picture and therefore I seek leave of the House to withdraw my motion.

Cut Motion by leave withdrawn

Demand put and carried

94. Rs. 645 under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures—Dearness Allowance

95. Rs. 900 under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures—Travelling Allowance"

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotments of Rs. 645 under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures—Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 900 under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures—Travelling Allowance". On account of the various measures adopted by the Government for popularisation of dry grains and to relieve the food situation in the State an amount of Rs. 645 is required under "Dearness Allowance" and Rs. 900 under "Travelling Allowance". I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotments.

Demands put and carried

96. Rs. 35,943 under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures Other charges

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 35,943, under "39 (3)—Price Control Measures—Other charges". This additiional allotment is necessitated on account of various measures adopted by the Governmen for the popularisation of dry grains and to relieve the food situation in the State namely opening of the Cochin Restaurants, Standard Meal Hotels, Standard Meat Restaurants and propaganda and advertisement. This amount is mainly required to pay subsidies to restaurants. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

Mr. President: Mr. Ezhuthassan has tabled a cut motion. I am very doubtful whether it is in order. Although I did not hear the Hon'ble Member well I understood him to say that this Rs. 35,943 was mainly required to pay subsidies to restaurants. I don't think a discussion on Fair Price Shops will be in order on that supplementary demand. But I am prepared to hear the Hon'ble Member.

CUT MOTION

Mr.P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I do not wish to move that motion.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Sir, I am not opposing the demand as a whole. But as regards the subsidy to Cochin Restaurants I think it is an absolute waste. The Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies has already been able to establish that we have become a wheat eating population and that wheat and other dry grains which have been imported into the State during the food crisis have been assimilated by the people so that there is no necessity at all for these grains to be popularised in future by the restaurants now run by the Government. If that is so, Sir, if the purpose of these restaurants is not to popularise the exotic products the only other purpose, according to me is that there should be certain institutions in the State which should be entering to the public at reasonably normal rates. Now, Sir, most of these restaurants are conducting their business and selling their wares at rates which approximate rates of any other institution which is not subsidised by the Government and that being so there is no reason at all why the Cochin Restaurants have to be given an extra subsidy. Therefore my submission is that it logically follows that there is no meaning at all in subsidising these institutions. Therefore, Sir, to the extent to which this particular demand contemplates a subsidy to the restaurants I very vehemently oppose it.

*Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I also oppose that portion of the demand relating to subsidy to restaurants. As stated by my Hon'ble friend, in the prices obtaining in these restaurants and in the adjoining shops privately owned there is not much difference. If there is not much difference, then for the reasons stated by my friend we cannot certainly see our way to vote for this grant for giving subsidy. Naturally, a man goes in for

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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